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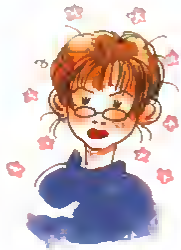
女たらしな三島の事を
好きになってしまった薬子。友人の
湖太から忠告を受けるが
想いを押さえられない薬子は、
三島と付き合い始める。ところが三島には
過去に湖太と取り合った
忘れられない特別な女がいた…。



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10月2日生まれ。
'79年別冊マーガレット7月号
「マギー」でデビュー。
透明感あふれるタッチで描き出される
軽快なストーリーは、
多くの読者を魅了し続けている。
代表作に「彼の手も声も」「I LOVE HER」
「バラ色の明日」等。

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（この作品は1988年9月、12月、集英社より刊行されました。）

I heard that in grade 10, this used to be an all-boys' class.
The classroom is even located in an out-of-the-way place in the school.
...Because this school was overflowing with guys,
I didn't have that kind of time to spare to pay attention to the guys in the all-boys' class.
WHOAAA~ MISHIMA!
(CH)
HE ATE MY YAKISOBA BREAD!
AHAHAHAHAHAHA

POPS

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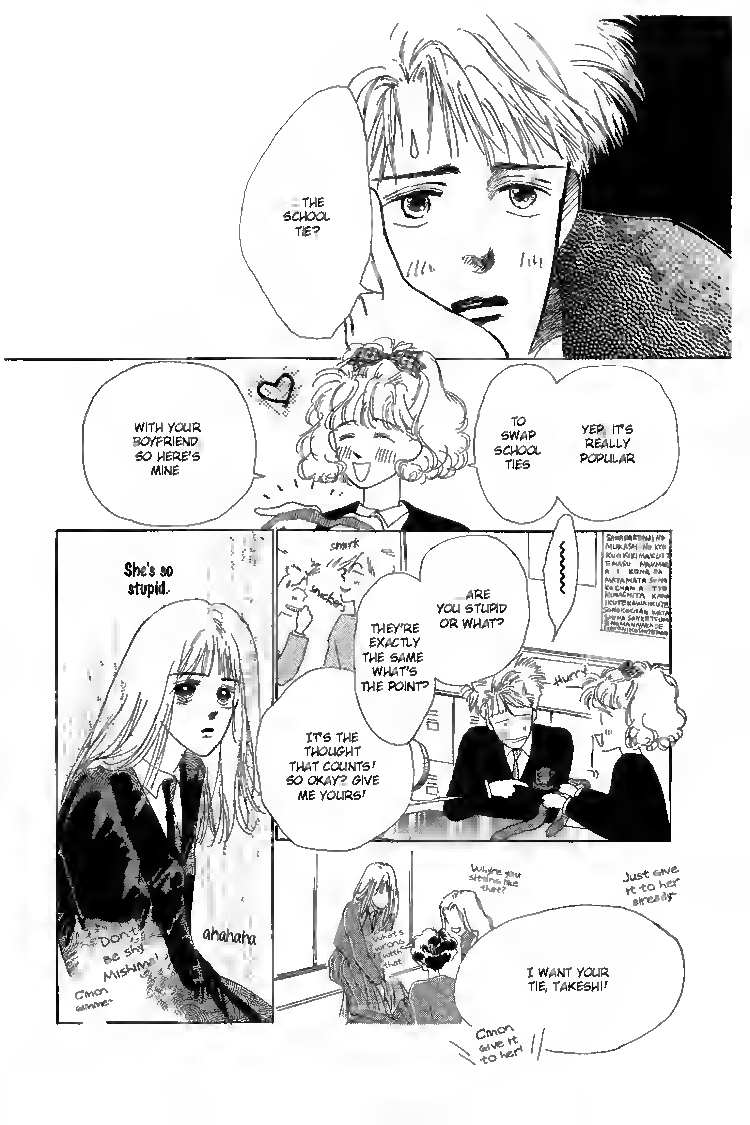
"HE THEN ASKED 'HAVE YOU THOUGHT IT OVER CAREFULLY?'"
'WELL I WANT TO RECEIVE IT ALL OF A SUDDEN,' HE LAUGHED."
"WHEN I REPLIED-
"WHEN I ..."
HEY, STOP THAT!
giggle
giggle
snuggle
clatter
clatter
YAY! BOBA BREAK!
"THEN HE ASKS 'ISN'T THAT SUDDEN?'"
"JUST TO BE EXTRA SURE."

What still leaves a mark in my heart...
is the painfully blue sky
after the rain has let up...
"I THEN EXPLAINED USING STRONG WORDS..."
Modern Language
"THAT ALTHOUGH I WAS SUDDENLY BRINGING THIS UP"
"IT WASN'T A SUDDEN THOUGHT"
...Oh,
there it is again...

2 – 3
He...
looks like
...he's hungry
MISHIMA? BUT WHY? HE JUST ATE A YAKI-SOBA BREAD...
YEP. SINCE IT WAS THE LAST ONE, KOTA WAS PISSED!
I DIDN'T MEAN THAT WAY... IT'S LIKE... HOW DO I PUT IT...?
HMM... IT'S KIND OF HARD TO EXPLAIN
ahahaha
What is it...?
Hmm...
WHICH COURSE DID YOU GET FOR THE SCHOOL TRIP?
noise

YOU TOO RIGHT, KOTA?
"B"
And my blood type is B, too!
OH, SO WHAT? EVERY-ONE HERE GOT B?
EVEN YOU, GAN-CHAN?
YEP!
MIKI... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE STILL GOING OUT WITH GAN-CHAN.
HUH~
HEY WHAT'S WITH THAT TONE?
I'M NOT LIKE YOU! I'M NOT SOMEONE...
This guy,
slap
WHO KEEPS CHANGING GIRLFRIENDS!
ahahaha
Mishima Takeshi,
to put it bluntly,
is a player...
TAKESHI!


...THE SCHOOL TIE?
WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND SO HERE'S MINE
TO SWAP SCHOOL TIES
YEP, IT'S REALLY POPULAR
She's so stupid.
Don't be shy Mishima!
Cmon
ahahaha
snuck
snark
...ARE YOU STUPID OR WHAT?
THEY'RE EXACTLY THE SAME WHAT'S THE POINT?
IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS! SO OKAY? GIVE ME YOURS!
hurry!
Where you stealing that from?
Just give it to her already
I WANT YOUR TIE, TAKESHI!
Cmon give it to her

HUH... WHAT DID YOU JUST-
SHE'S GOT BAD TASTE TO GO OUT WITH SOMEONE LIKE THAT!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
...AH! KUSUKO'S JEALOUS~
Why...does she want...
HEY SHE'S GIRLFRIEND NUMBER WHAT FOR HIM AGAIN?
WAHHHHHHHH
!
You made her cry~
You made her cry~
GEEZ
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO, MISHIMA?
WAHHHHHHHH

I'M SORRY OKAY?
IT'S NOTHING TO GET SO WORKED UP OVER
C'MON
Whoa...
he's actually trying to suck up to her...
NA~TSUMI
WAHHH
We're gonna tell the team on you~
NAT-SUMI
TAKESHI,
APOLOGIZE PROPERLY
LIKE FOR REAL
HE SLAPPED HER HAND AWAY

NO WONDER SHE CRIED
HE SLAPPED AWAY NATSUMI'S HAND
YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU GET THE FEELING THAT HE'S PLAYING IT UP NOW BECAUSE HE STILL FEELS BITTER ABOUT BEING IN AN ALL-GUYS' CLASS IN GRADE 10?
He's a player by nature
HAH! HE WAS ALREADY PLAYING AROUND BY GRADE 10
He's a player by nature
What! Wor real?
OH YEAH! DIDN'T KOTA GET A GIRL THAT HE WAS INTO STOLEN FROM HIM WAY BACK WHEN?
NO. IT STARTED BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH!
He's a player
THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.
RATTLE

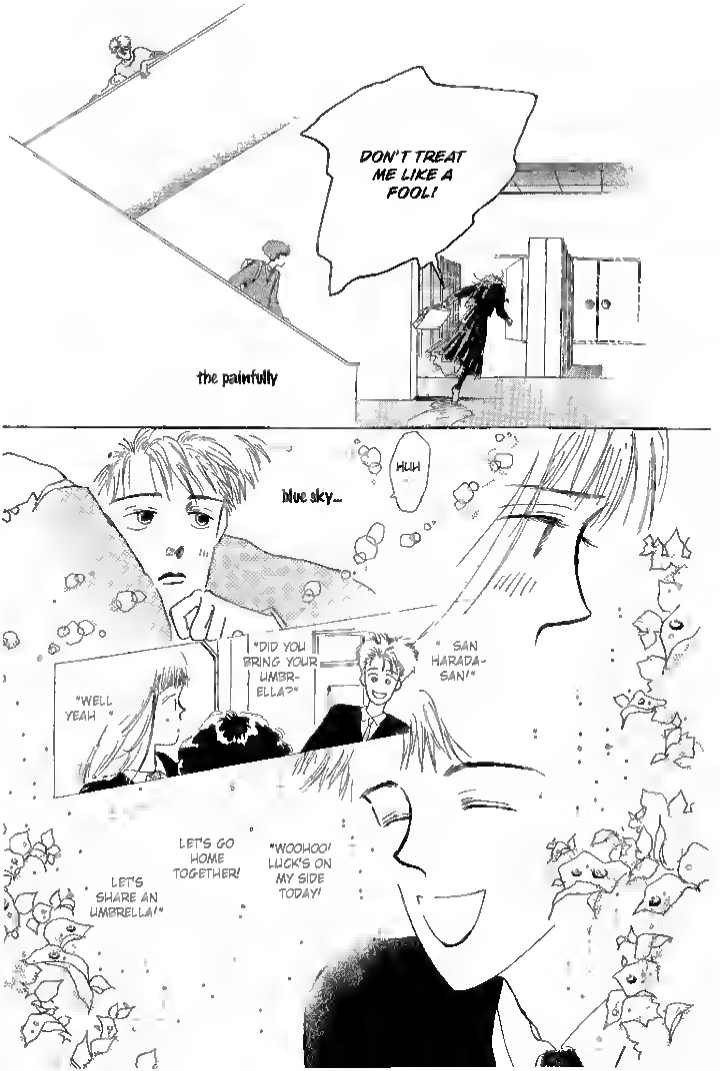
SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE
SHE
Hmm...
BUT SHE STARTED BRINGING UP STUFF THAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST AND SAYING THIS AND THAT
I DID MY BEST TO APOLOGIZE.
IT ALL STARTED TO FEEL SO STUPID
AHAHAHA
His cheeks all red!
AHAHAHA
SO I BROKE UP WITH HER
SERVES YOU RIGHT!
AHAHAHAHA
Ahaha, it feels great!
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET!
YOU DUG YOUR OWN GRAVE!

Geez, are you for real?
Well what's wrong with that?
...ha...
This is the kind of guy he is.
YOU KNOW I'M SURPRISED IT LASTED AS LONG AS IT DID
'CAUSE I'VE GOT THE BLOODLINE THAT I DO YOU KNOW?
YEAH YEAH YOU'RE SAYING IT'S 'CAUSE OF YOUR DAD'S FAMILY LINE, RIGHT?
HOW MANY MORE DO I HAVE TO GO?
NOTE: THEY'RE DOING SIT-UPS!
YOU'VE GOT 15 MORE TO GO!
Guys like him...
YEP. MY DAD RUINED HIMSELF THROUGH WOMEN, YA KNOW?
probably don't know that they are fools,
Hey
I NEED TO GO TAKE A PISS
GIVE ME A BREAK!
who have their ups and downs...

YOU'D NEVER KNOW BY JUST LOOKING AT YA BUT YOU SURE ARE A LATE BLOOMER!
YOU NEED TO GET YOURSELF A GUY! IT'LL MAKE THE SCHOOL TRIP TWICE AS FUN!
from things that they say
HEY DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT OUT LOUD IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
LIKE I SAID KUSUKO
Or is it that
nonchalantly.
tap
he's enjoying all this?
...well, that sucks.
WHAT'S WITH THAT SHOE?
YOU'RE LEAVING?? PEOPLE WHO AREN'T IN CLUBS HAVE GOT IT MADE.
THEY'RE JUST SHOELACES! BUY YOUR OWN!
HEH.
SINCE THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE I COULD DO I WENT TO THE ENTRANCE AND SWIPED SOME SHOELACES THAT LOOKED USABLE.
OH! WHEN I WAS TYING MY SHOELACES THEY SUDDENLY SNAPPED
Oh shoot! I wonder if he heard what she said just now...?

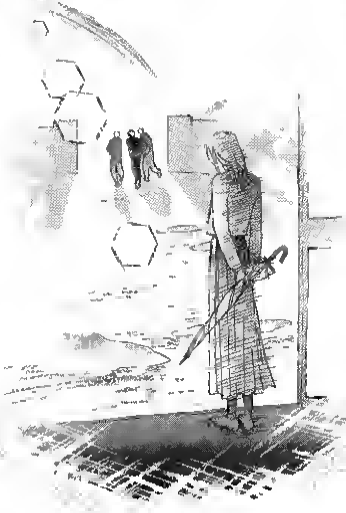
.....
tap
WELL, SEE YA
BYE~ DO YOUR BEST AT CLUB PRACTICE!
W-w-
HEY..
What was that just now?
tap!
YOU DON'T TALK TO MISHIMA MUCH DO YOU?
KUSUKO,

HARADA-SAN!
I'M FREE TOO
FROM TODAY ON,
SO WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT YOU AND ME
JUST FOR THE SCHOOL TRIP?
What still
leaves a mark in my heart is...
KYA! KUSUKO, DID YOU HEAR THAT?
YOU SHOULD GO FOR IT!
OOL
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A FOOL!

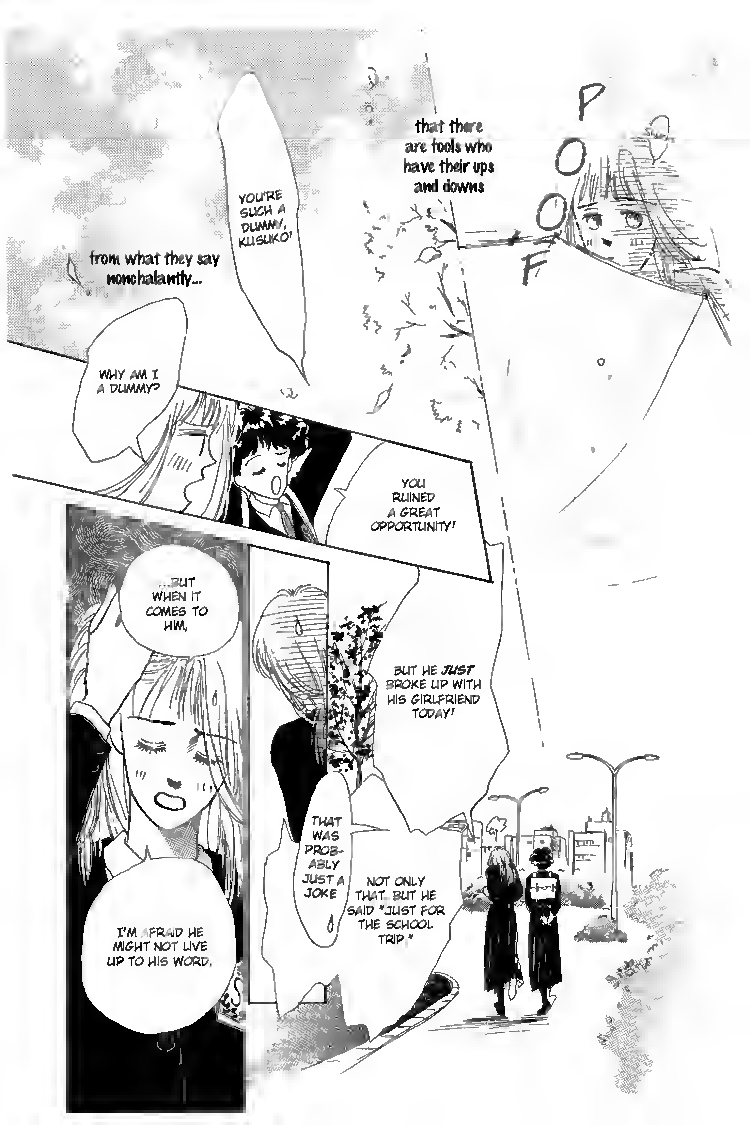

DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A FOOL!
the painfully
blue sky...
HUH
"DID YOU BRING YOUR UMBRELLA?"
"SAN HARADA-SAN!"
"WELL YEAH."
LET'S SHARE AN UMBRELLA!"
LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER!
"WOOHOO! LUCK'S ON MY SIDE TODAY!

"WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!"
MIKI, DON'T GO HATIN' JUST 'CAUSE HARADA-SAN'S GOOD LOOKING "
"OH?
"THERE HE GOES AGAIN THAT PERVERT "
'CAUSE I FORGOT TO BRING MY UMBRELLA TODAY "
"THAT'S GREAT
"OH, YOU'RE RIGHT "
"THE RAIN'S STARTING TO LET UP "
don't let the rain stop..."
"..Please

splash
ahahaha
ahahaha
who he says
Takeshi you're the one who-
splash
splash



He probably doesn't know...


from what they say nonchalantly...
YOU'RE SUCH A DUMMY, KUSUKO!
WHY AM I A DUMMY?
YOU RUINED A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!
...BUT WHEN IT COMES TO HIM,
I'M AFRAID HE MIGHT NOT LIVE UP TO HIS WORD.
THAT WAS PROBABLY JUST A JOKE
BUT HE JUST BROKE UP WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND TODAY!
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT HE SAID "JUST FOR THE SCHOOL TRIP."
that there are fools who have their ups and downs
POOF

I've...
never even thought
of "going out" with him...
Gulp!
It really feels like we're just on the school trip
YOU'RE TOTALLY RIGHT
TAKESHI-
IT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME FOR A WHILE NOW...
BUT THAT BUTTON ON YOUR SLEEVE,
IT'S BEEN MISSING FOR ABOUT A MONTH NOW. HASN'T IT?
noise
noise
What do you mean, this?
OH, THIS?
DOESN'T YOUR MOM SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
Stuff like that bothers me a lot
noise
noise
THEN SEW ONE ON FOR ME, WILL YA?
MY OLD HAG WON'T DO STUFF LIKE THIS
YEAH, HE'S GOT A PRETTY MESSED UP LIFE
THE MINUTE HE ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL, HIS 'RENTS STARTED SAYING "YOU'RE AN ADULT NOW, SO YOU SHOULD LIVE ON YOUR OWN."

YOU KNOW, IT'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE THAT I HAVEN'T WANDERED OFF THE PATH SEEING AS HOW I HAVE 'RENTS LIKE 'EM.
ahahaha
That's not true!
What's your explanation for not wandering off the path, then?
Oh, shut yer yap. You live alone, whoa~
NO WAY! THAT'S SO SAD!
AND HE GOT KICKED OUT OF HIS HOUSE!
EH?WHAT?
Kyah! No way!
Well excuse—
YA LITTLE~
HAHAHA
THEN GO BUY A BUTTON.
AND I'LL SEW IT ON FOR YOU.
HEY TAKESHI
TUTTYS GAWON

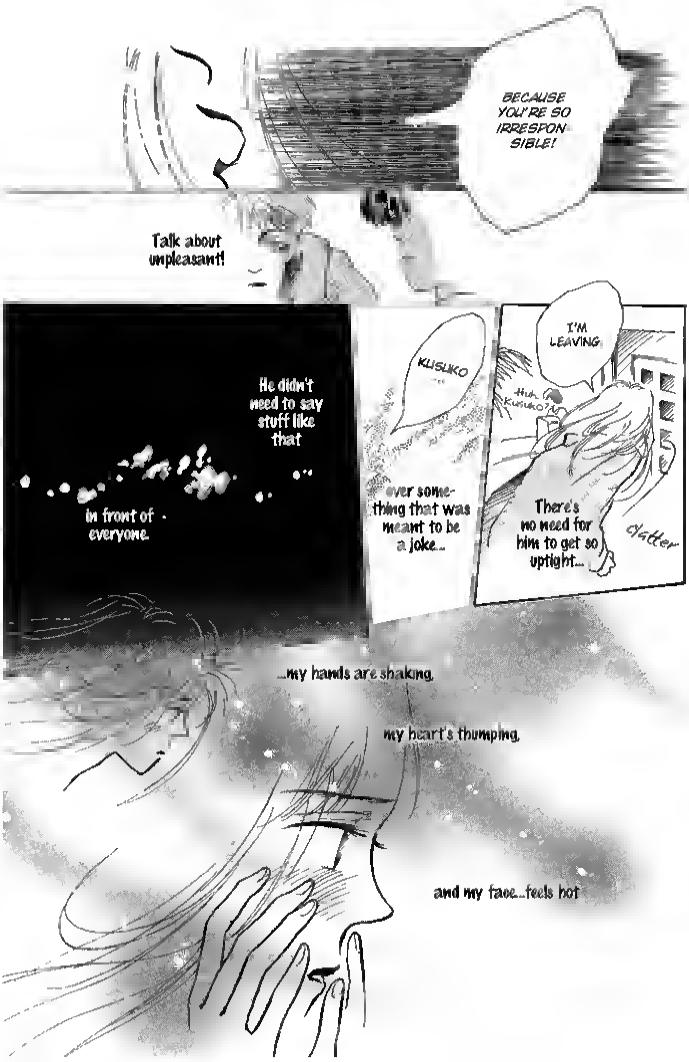
thought that I liked him...
I've never once
Because...
KUSUKO? WHY DO YOU HAVE YOUR HEAD IN THE CLOUDS?
blinks
ring ring ring
ring ring ring
BEEP
ARE YOU MAKING SURE TO STUDY FOR YOUR TESTS?
YEAH HERE AND THERE
N-NO THAT'S NOT IT!
Geez, Mom! Mother!
WHOA!
IF IT'S NOT GOOD WHY DON'T YOU JUST LEAVE IT?
ring ring ring
ring ring ring
HEY KENJI! GET IT!
thud
spurts

For him
women
are umbrellas
for when it rains...
SIS. IT'S KOTAROU
...I hate players like him.
KUSUKO?
YOU SHOULD COME! YOU SHOULD COME!
Come over! Come over!
IT'S GETTING PRETTY INTERESTING
Kusuko! It's Hiromi! Come here!
I'M AT THE PLACE GAN-CHAN'S WORKING PART-TIME AT RIGHT NOW. MIKI AND HIROMI ARE HERE TOO.
CAN YOU COME OUT?
WHAT IS IT, KOTA? WHAT'S UP?

WELCOME, WELCOME!
GAN-CHAN, THAT APRON LOOKS REALLY GOOD ON YOU!
HEY~
HEH THE GANG'S IN THE BACK.
WHOA, YOU'RE STILL IN YOUR UNIFORM.
DID YOU COME HERE RIGHT AFTER PRACTICE?
RIGHTY-O
swish swish
clatter
YO C'MON WAKE UP. WAKE UP.
...Huh?
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS GUY'S FACE, WILL YOU?
C'MON, WAKE UP
HUH?
WHAT?
...Wait just a second.
I didn't know he was going to be here!
SEE?
PRETTY IMPRESSIVE, HUH?
HE'S GOT A SHINER!

DURING PRACTICE...HE GOT ELBOWED BY A GRADE 10ER!
heh heh
YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN HIM! HE WAS PISSED!
COME TOMO-RROW...
HE'S GONNA GET A BEATING
KUSUKO, SORRY
WE KNEW IF WE TOLD YOU, YOU WOULDN'T COME...
TALK ABOUT ONE DISASTER AFTER ANOTHER!
OH YEAH! HE GOT SLAPPED BY NATSUMI TOO!
A H A H A H A
MAYBE IT'S PUNISHMENT FROM GOD.

TELL ME.
FOR WHAT?
PUNISHMENT FOR WHAT?
Huh...?
ba...dump...
noise
noise
noise
noise
ahaha
OKAY~ LET'S CHANGE THE TOPIC
Stop glaring at me!
C'MON MAN, DON'T BE A TIGHTWAD
what's with his high and mighty attitude...?
T-This guy...


BECAUSE YOU'RE SO IRRESPONSIBLE!
Talk about unpleasant!
He didn't need to say stuff like that
in front of everyone.
KUSUKO
over something that was meant to be a joke...
I'M LEAVING.
Huh, Kusuko?
There's no need for him to get so uptight...
clatter
...my hands are shaking.
my heart's thumping.
and my face...feels hot

Talk about unpleasant...
NOISE
NOISE
NOISE
AH...!
HEY, HARADA-SAN
DO YOU NOT LIKE ME OR SOMETHING?
DID I DO SOMETHING TO YOU?

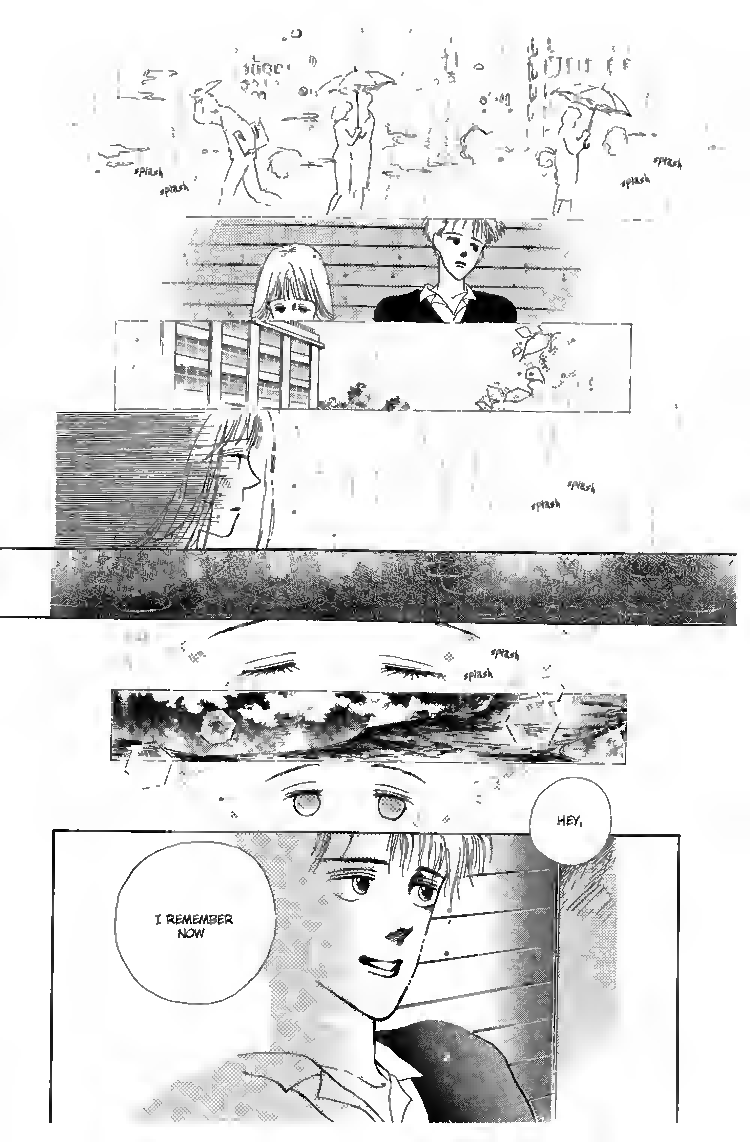
I-
I COULD ASK YOU...
THE SAME QUESTION
I shouldn't have said that just now
...Ah.
YOU ALWAYS ADD A "-SAN" TO MY NAME WHEN YOU DON'T TO ANYONE ELSE'S
He might take it the wrong way ...shoot
honk
honk
honk
...WHAT'RE YOU SULKING ABOUT?
Yeah mmm

(*OYAKI = FRIED ROUND FLOUR CAKE WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS.)

...how much more irresponsible can you get...?
WU SHUW SWIT HUR (YOU SHOULD SIT HERE).
EWN (AND)
swish swish
Well, let's eat!
...steaming hot
BACK AT THE RESTAU-RANT.
I ENDED UP LEAVING ALL MY STUFF
OH, MY BAD.
haha
blews
YOU SHOULD TELL ME WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'M SO "IRRESPONSIBLE."
ALL RIGHT?
hunk hunk
AFTER buying the oyaki with his own money
I wish he'd say that kind of line...
glomp
HURRY UP AND SAY IT ALREADY.

SAY IT ALREADY!
C'MO-
STOP IT!
HUH... SO THAT'S HOW IT IS?
SO WHAT? YOU DON'T EVEN LIKE ME TOUCHING YOU?
THROWS
W
WAIT...!

KUN!
MISHIMA
WAIT!
—DON'T BE MEAN
—WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?
ALL THREE BY MYSELF
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN EAT


splash
splash
splash

OHHH! RIGHT RIGHT I REMEMBER
AH—
WHEN WE FIRST TALKED?
YOU KNOW?
badump
I GUESS
THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D REMEMBER IT THOUGH
haha
"LET'S GO HOME
"HARADA-SAN"
" SAN "
I DO REME-
TOGE-THER
splash
splash
splash
splash

I DO REME-MBER...
IT WAS RAINING THAT DAY WASN'T IT...?
...YEAH.
chuckles
AND I TOLD YOU
THAT WE SHOULD GO HOME TOGETHER...
...my hands
are shaking.
Ishouyo
Scans

My heart's...

thumping

and my face...

...feels hot

WE DIDN'T GET TO HUH?

TOO BAD

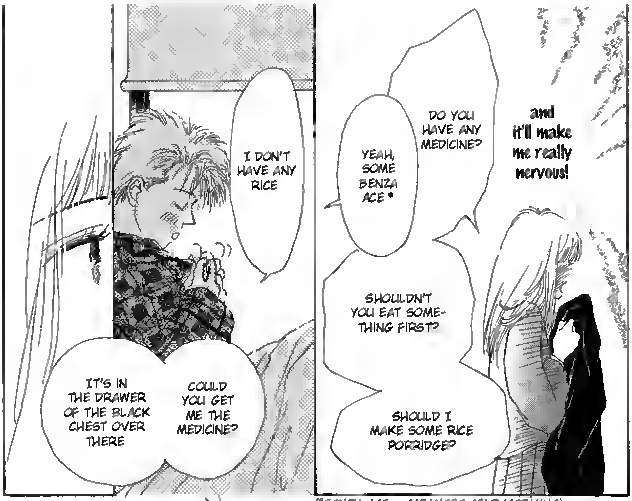
It feels nice...
"TOO BAD WE DIDN'T GET TO HUH?"
a-ng
ao-ng
SO HE WALKED YOU HOME?
HE HAS A PRETTY NICE SIDE TO HIM, HUH?
WELL THAT'S A NO BRAINER HE'S GOT PLENTY OF PRACTICE WHEN IT COMES TO KNOWING HOW TO TREAT GIRLS!
OW!
WHY'RE YOU JIGGL-NG YOUR LEG LIKE THAT?
CAUSE IT HURTS!
2-3 HARADA KUSUKO

MISHIMA-KUN
I FEEL LIKE CRAP AND MY LEGS HURT
ahaha
CAN YOU STOP IT WITH THE JIGGLING?!
It's another one of the hell outs on me!
slap
I SAID STOP IT!
SHUT UP! JUST LEAVE ME ALONE, YA MORON~
No way
ahahaha
Can you believe the guy?
...YOU'VE PROBABLY CAUGHT A COLD OR SOMETHING.
I GET SYMPTOMS LIKE THAT WHEN I HAVE A COLD TOO
PL..!

GATHER TOGETHER!
PE PE!
GEEZ
HAVING P.E. IN YOUR FOURTH BLOCK IS KILLER.
I'M STARVING
di-ng
do-ng
HEY AREN'T YA GONNA EAT?
YO~?
STOP SHOVING FOOD IN MY FACE.
I feel sick...
WHOA! HE'S GOT A FEVER!
There, there!
What?!
Mr. Germs in the house!
Whoa! You're right! Alex sure is!
THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU'RE MISSING THE ROOM.
NO FRIGGIN' WAY THAT OLD HAG NURSE'S GOT A GRUDGE AGAINST ME!
HE NEEDS TO GO TO THE NURSE'S ROOM!
Whoa!
THEN YOU SHOULD GO HOME. I'LL LET THE TEACH KNOW

KUSUKO! HE LIVES BY HIMSELF, SO EVEN IF HE GOES HOME...
C'MON, MIKI. CUT IT OUT.
YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE HER UPSET
Another glance is coming your way!
See ya!
Whoa!
Huh!
NO WAY
Watch out, Kusuko!
YAY! HARADA-SAN'S GONNA WALK ME HOME~
What's going on between them?!
What's going on?!
Wolf whistle
It's because
my body
moved on its own.
706
M chima

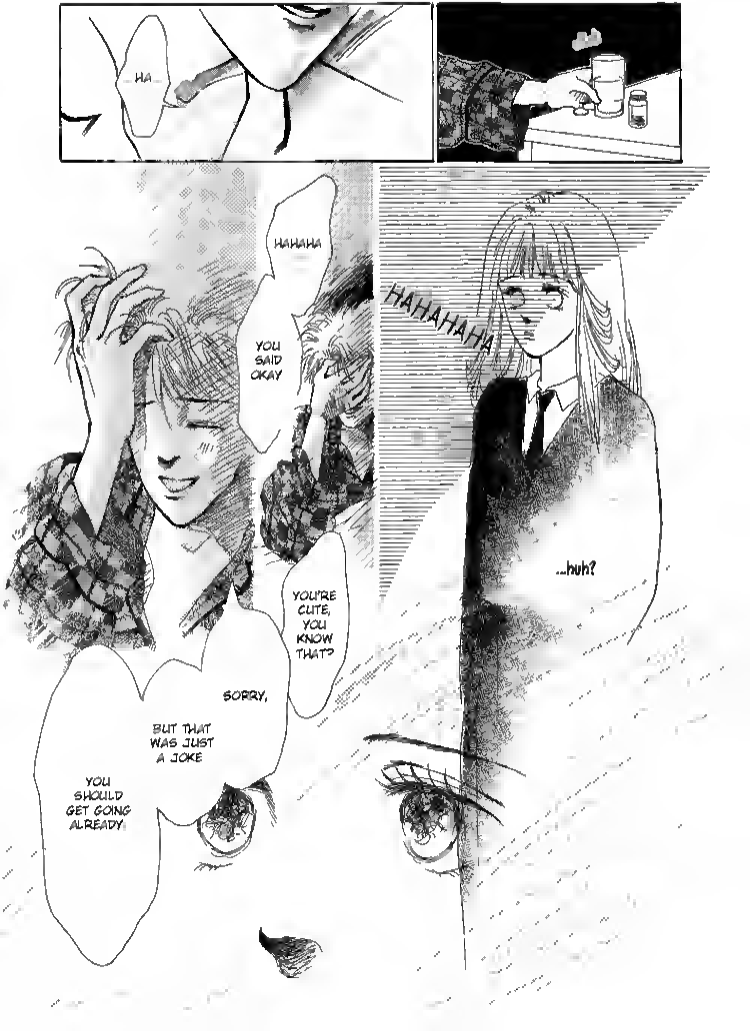
WOW! YOU KEEP IT SO NEAT AND TIDY!
Your sky blue kitchen is so cute!
ARE YOU RENTING THIS PLACE? IT LOOKS EXPENSIVE!
WHOA! AND AREN'T THESE TILE FLOORS REALLY COLD DURING THE WINTER?
AH!
HEY!
YOU NEED TO CHANGE BEFORE YOU GO TO SLEEP!
Okay, okay, okay!
...If I don't keep talking,
RUS
!
TLE
You only need to say okay once!
WHERE ARE YOUR PAJAMAS?
DON'T LOOK, YOU PERVERT
It'll make me realize that we're in this room all alone...


I DON'T HAVE ANY RICE
IT'S IN THE DRAWER OF THE BLACK CHEST OVER THERE
COULD YOU GET ME THE MEDICINE?
DO YOU HAVE ANY MEDICINE?
YEAH, SOME BENZA ACE *
and it'll make me really nervous!
SHOULDN'T YOU EAT SOMETHING FIRST?
SHOULD I MAKE SOME RICE PORRIDGE?

(*BENZA ACE = JAPANESE COLD MEDICINE)

YOU HAVE A FEVER AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE BY YOURSELF?
WON'T THAT BE HARD ON YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO...
LIKE, ABOUT TONIGHT?
"HE GOT KICKED OUT OF HIS HOUSE"
"MY OLD HAG WON'T DO STUFF LIKE THIS"

I'LL BE LONELY
STAY
OKAY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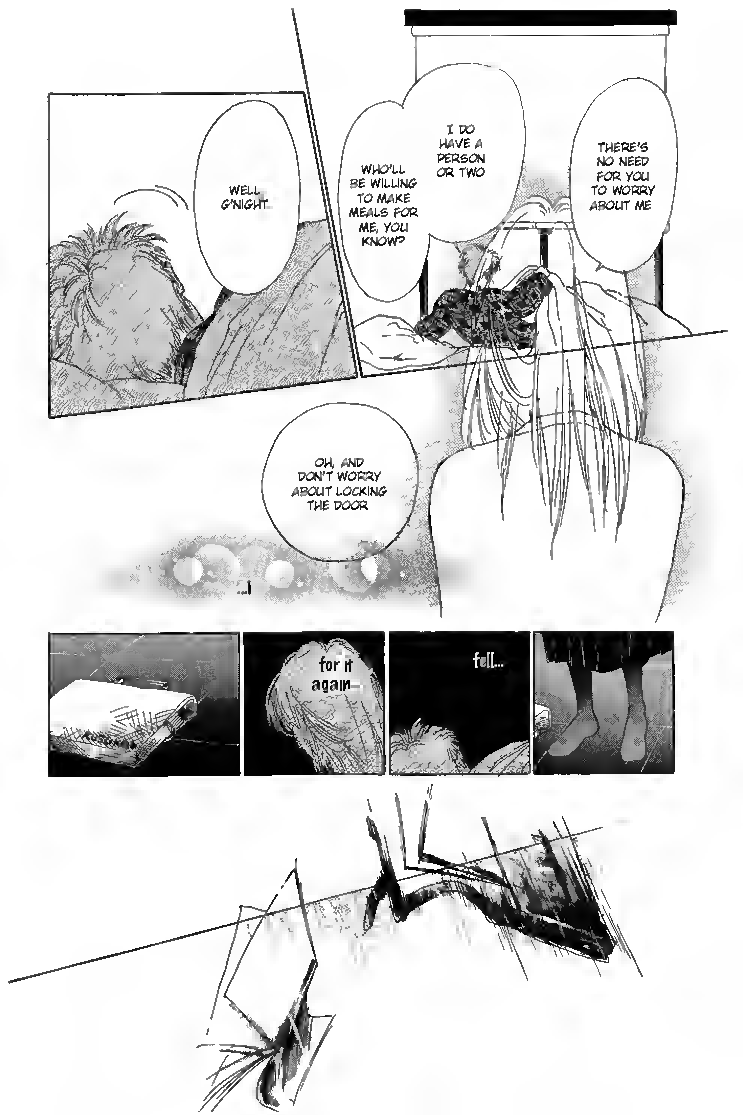
HAHAHA
YOU SAID OKAY
YOU'RE CUTE, YOU KNOW THAT?
SORRY, BUT THAT WAS JUST A JOKE
YOU SHOULD GET GOING ALREADY.
HAHAHAHA
..huh?


WELL, G'NIGHT.
WHO'LL BE WILLING TO MAKE MEALS FOR ME, YOU KNOW?
I DO HAVE A PERSON OR TWO
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT ME
OH, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT LOCKING THE DOOR
for it again—
fell...

TH
UD
thump
rustle
OW

I really did say
okay...
I DON'T LIKE
EMPTY-HEADED GIRLS LIKE NATSUMI--
BUT SHE'S A MILLION TIMES BETTER THAN YOU!
really...
I...
KEEP MAKING A FOOL OUT OF ME FOR ALL I CARE!
GO AND KEEP DOING THAT!

SNIFF
YOU GET A KICK OUT OF GIVING GIRLS HOPE
BY SAYING STUFF LIKE "LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER"
AND, "TOO BAD WE DIDN'T GET TO," DON'T YOU?!
BUT...
THERE ARE TIMES...
I really did think
YOU IDIOT...
that I wouldn't mind staying here...

WHEN EVEN A STUPID THING LIKE EXCHANGING SCHOOL TIES CAN SEEM IMPORTANT!
...I want to run away...
I want to run with all my might and leave this place...

But
my legs've given out...
There, there

I...

liked this person from the very beginning.

Since that day...from the very beginning...
"SO WHAT YOU'RE IN DIV 3 TOO?"
OH?
"YIPPEE~!"
"YAY! KUSUKO, WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS!"
2-3
"YOU TOO, KOTA? SOUNDS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE A FUN YEAR!"
"YEAH."
"YEAH."
"WHO'S THAT?"

"THAT'S MISHIMA."
"WHAT? YOU DON'T KNOW HIM, KUSUKO? HE'S PRETTY FAMOUS 'ROUND HERE."
"HE WAS THE GUY IN DIV 10."
"THE GUY TO WATCH OUT FOR!"
"KYA!"
"AHAHA."
"HEY, HE'S LOOKING THIS WAY."
I didn't pay any attention to the guys in the all-boys' class...
just watched him from afar...

My chest
feels tight...
I'll
BE FINE
NO SWEAT
THANKS
FOR
WORRY-
ING ABOUT
ME
thump
WELL
BYE
...I'm so
embarrassed...

That day
to make up
for having made him catch a cold,
I bought shoelaces for him.
YOU'RE A LOT CUTER THAN I THOUGHT
YOUR VOICE SOUNDS WEIRD
OH
YEAH I'M HEADING BACK FROM SCHOOL RIGHT NOW

Yshouyo Scans

...OH RIGHT. YOUR SCHOOL TRIP IS HAPPENING SOON, RIGHT?
THE PREPARATIONS... CAN YOU MANAGE TO DO IT BY YOURSELF?
EH? ... WELL WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? IT'S NOT AS IF WE'RE GOING TO WEAR IT TOGETHER...
giggle
THAT'S RIGHT? A MATCHING ONE!
DID YOU KNOW? I'VE BEEN KNITTING A SWEATER...
SINCE I CAN'T GO INTO THAT ROOM...
YOU'RE RIGHT
Beep
beep
Lo!

beep
beep
beep
If only.
If only...
I'd been more upfront and honest sooner.
HUH? TAKESHI?
...NO WAY HE SHOWED UP!
cough
hack
'MORNING~
DUDE, ARE YOU OKAY?
cough
YAYY! CAN SOMEONE GET ME A FELT PEN?

AH!
ahahaha
Cmon now don't make a fuss!
W-W-WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHOA!
HOLD HIM DOWN!
ahaha
KUSUKO'S HERE!
No way
If only...
then these feelings of uncertainty...
HUH?
Then...
DIDN'T YOU?
YOU FORGOT THIS YESTERDAY
KUSUKO!
Takeshi-kun, you look awesome!
Giggle

When I took my pen case from
him and gave him the shoelaces,

I became the newest "girlfriend"

of Mishima-kun,

who was supposed to be "irresponsible" and
a "player" and of "bad taste" to like....